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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 6 June 1953, the Neue Infanterie Kaserne, Neustrelitz, was occupied almost to capacity. Between 9 May and 5 June, about 100 to 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were repeatedly seen entering the installation, coming from the direction of the training area. T-43 tanks, 2 JS-2 tanks, BA-64 armored scout car and 3 six-wheel armored personnel carriers were seen in the training area northwest of the installation during the period under review. On 20 May, an AAA emplacement of five 37-mm AA guns was determined in the barracks area. About 20 soldiers were repeatedly seen marching from the barracks installation to the emplacement.

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2. On 5 June, the Alte Grenadier Kaserne was occupied about 70 percent. On 15 May, 10 x 120-mm mortars were seen in a shed at the training area southeast of the Grosser Buerger Lake and, between 20 and 27 May, troops were seen en route to the installation and receiving instruction on 120-mm mortars and 132-mm rocket launchers in this training area. On 15 May, about 65 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen entering the installation.

3. On 5 June, the restricted area on Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse was occupied about 80 percent. Between 9 May and 5 June, troops were seen receiving instruction on 122-mm field howitzers, 76-mm field guns and 57-mm AT guns in the yard of the restricted area and the training area near Grosser Buerger Lake.

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4. the Glanbecker See restricted area was occupied by a headquarters, which included numerous officers wearing black-bordered black and red-bordered black epaulets and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

5. On 12 and 14 May, truck columns, including trucks towing 122-mm field howitzers, and each truck occupied by 8 to 10 soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets, were seen entering the restricted area at Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse, coming from the direction of the training area.

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[redacted] Comment. No changes in the distribution of the units of the 5th Gds Tank Div in Neustrelitz are discernible [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] The information tends to indicate, however, that the bulk of the tank units stationed in the Neue Infanterie Kaserne and the elements of the 234th Mort Regt stationed in the Alte Grenadier Kaserne which [redacted] had been absent in early May. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] presumably for exercises. had returned to their installations. [redacted] three rocket launchers in the Alte Grenadier Kaserne. As, in April 1953, each one rocket launcher was seen with the mortar regiments in Brandenburg, Weimar, and Wurzen during the loadings for the troop training grounds, and regarding the observations in Neustrelitz, it is not impossible that the mortar regiments of the tank and mechanized divisions have recently been equipped with individual rocket launchers. Although this measure cannot definitely be accounted for, there is the possibility that the guns had to provide rapid fire on major target areas within the frame work of the mortar battalions.

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